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THE WEEK IN SUMMARY

-- THE CEASEFIRE

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I. INTERNAL

A. THE CEASEFIRE

THE OVERALL NUMBER OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS IN MR-1 DROPPED BACK TO A MORE NORMAL LEVEL AS COMMUNIST INITIATED INCIDENTS DECREASED. MILITARY ACTIVITY, HOWEVER, CONTINUED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE ARVN EFFORTS TO RETAKE KY TRA VILLAGE, RECENTLY CAPTURED BY NVA FORCES, INCLUDED THE FIRST USE OF VNAF TACTICAL AIR STRICKES IN MR-1 SINCE AUGUST 1973.

MR-2 WAS AGAIN RELATIVELY CALM WITH NO MAJOR MILITARY CONTACTS DURING THE WEEK. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-3 ALSO DROPPED AS MAJOR FIGHTING IN THE AREA OF THE PARROT'S BEAK ENDED. INCIDENTS IN MR-3 WERE LIMITED TO SMALL UNIT CLASHES AND MINOR ATTACKS BY FIRE.

IN MR -4 COMMUNIST INITIATED INCIDENTS CONTINUED TO DECLINE SHARPLY. DELTA-WIDE THEY REACHED THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THE YEAR WITH ONLY BAC LIEU IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA AND DINH TUANG IN THE NORTH SHOWING ANY INCREASE IN ACTIVITY.

IN THE ICCS, A CONTINUED IMPASSE OVER THE AGENDA HAS PREVENTED PLENARY MEETINGS FROM BEING HELD DURING MAY.

TPJMC MEETINGS WERE INTERRUPTED WHEN THE "PRG" WALKED OUT AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL THE GVN CEASED ITS "SABOTAGE" OF THE JMC. THE PRG WALKOUT PARALLELS SUSPENSION OF THE REGULAR PARIS MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND LEAVES THE FPJMT AS THE ONLY FORUM IN WHICH THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES NOW MEET. (SEE PART II BELOW).

B. REACTION TO THE SONG PHU ATROCITY

THE MAY 4 MORTARING OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT SONG PHU IN VINH LONG PRONVICE (SEE LAST WEEKLY) IN WHICH LIKE THE CAI LAY ATROCITY OF TWO MONTHS AGO INNOCENT SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE SLAUGHTERED AS STIRRED ANOTHER WAVE OF PUBLIC OUTRAGE. GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE HELD RALLIES, PASS ED RESOLUTIONS OF CONDEMNATION AND ARRANGED MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE VICTIMS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE PROVINCIAL

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CAPITAL OF NHA TRANG A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS PRESENTED A WRITTEN PROTEST TO THE ICCS TEAM RESIDENT N THAT CITY. ON MAY 9 VINCE PRESIDENT HUONG WHOSE BIRTHPLACE IS B VINH LONG ISSUED A PARTICULARLY BITTER DENUNCIATION OF THE COMMUNISTS FOR THIS "MURDER OF CHILDREN". HUONG DECLARED THAT THE SONG PHU MASACRE IS A "LESSON FOR THOSE WHO STILL NAIVELY BELIEVE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA." AND WARNED THE PEOPLE OF SVN NOT TO "SIT PASSIVELY" IN THE FACE OF SUCH AN "ATROCIOUS, INTOLERABLE CRIME". POSTERS HAVE APPEARED IN SAIGON WITH A PICTURE OF THE BLOODIED CORPSE OF A CHILD AND THE INSCRIPTION "FIRST CAI LAY THEN SONG PHY". ON MAY 10 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT A PROTEST NOTE TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM. IN ADDITION TO PROTESTING THE COMMUNIST MORTARING OF SONG PHU THE NOTE ALSO CONDEMNED A GREADING INCIDENT IN A PAGODA NEAR PHU CAT IN BINH

DINH PROVINCE IN WHICH 41 MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED DURING A BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY CELEGRATION.

C. PREPARATION FOR PROVINCIAL/MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
REGISTRATION FOR THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JULY 14 WAS COMPLETED ON APRIL 26. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPORTED THAT 1,322 CANDIDATES FILED NATIONWIDE FOR 471 POSITION AS COMPARED WITH 2,000 CANDIDATES FOR 554 POSITIONS IN THE 1970 ELECTIONS. THIS IS A CANDIDATE TO POSITION RATIO OF ABOUT 2.8:1, COMPARED TO THE 1970 RATION OF ABOUT 3.5:1. CONGEN NHA TRANG REPORTS AN INTERESTING ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF VIETNAM'S MAJOR LABOR UNION THE CVT. TO DOMINATE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (SDA) REPRESENTATION IN THE COMING ELECTION. ALL FIVE INDIVIDUALS RUNNING FOR THE NHA TRANG CITY COUNCIL WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SDA ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CVT AND WILL USE A SYMBOL SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE LABOR UNION. ELECTION BANNERS AND LEAFLETS WILL IDENTIFY THEM AS "CONG NONG #1", "2", ETC. (THE DANG CONG NONG IS THE CVT'S OLD FARMER WORKER PARTY.) THIS ILLUSTRATES THE STRONG TENDENCY WITHIN THE CVT TO RETAIN ITS IDENTITY BEFORE THE PUBLIC EVEN WHILE STILL REMAINING (AT LEAST ON PAPER) A COMPONENT OF THE SDA.

D. SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FERTILIZER SHORTAGE ISSUES
INTERIM REPORT
THE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE CORRUPTION IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF
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FERTILIZER HAS AGAIN ATTRACTED PUBLIC ATTENTION (SEE SAIGON 5348

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ITEM I-C). THE CURRENT SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZER IN SVN HAS
ALLEGEDLY BEEN EXACERBATED BY DEALERS AND OME PRIVATE
SPECULATORS WHO HAVE BOUGHT LARGE QUANTITIES OF FERTILIZER IN
ANTICIPATION OF RISING PRICES WHICH ARE THEMSELVES A REFLECTION
OF A WORLDWIDE FERTILIZER SHORTAGE. THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
THAT HAS BEEN INVIESTIGATING THE MATTER ON MAY 10 ISSUED AN

INTERIM REPORT TO A PLENARY SESSION OF THE SENATE.

THE COMMITTEE 'S INTERIM REPORT DID NOT FLATELY ACCUSE ANY INDIVIDUAL OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, IT ECHOED THE CHARTES OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOR WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVING MUCH PRESS PUBLICITY AND ACTUALLY NAMED ONE SENATOR AND SIX LOWER HOUSE DEPUTIES AS HAVING RECENTLY MADE LARGE PURCHASES OF FERTILIZER. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SENATE FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TRAN TRUNG DUNG SAID IN A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER THAT DAY THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MOTIVES BEHIND THESE PURCHASES AND WOULD ISSUE ITS FINAL REPORT AT THE END OF MAY. DUNG PROMISED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD REORT IMPARTIALLY REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS (IF ANY) INVOLVED IN WRONG DOING. THE OPPOSITION PRESS HAS GLEEFULLY SEIZED UPON THIS REMARK AS CONFIRMATION" THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PRO GVN DEMOCRACY PARTY HAVE MISUSED THE PARTY'S NAME AND THEIR POSITIONS.

DURING THE MAY 10 PLENARY THE SENATE PASSED A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON THE FERTILIZER QUESTION. THE SENATORS URGED THE EXECUTIVE TO TAKE AN IMMEDIATE INVENTORY OF FERTILIZER STOCKS NATIONWIDE FOLLOWING WHICH IT SHOULD ANNOUNCE THE LOCALITIES OF SHORTAGE AND ENSURE THAT THESE SUPPLIES ARE OFFERED FOR SALE TO FARMERS AT THE OFFICIAL PRICE. THE EXECUTIVE WAS ALSO ASKED TO PREVENT SALES TO ANYONE WHO IS NOT A CULTIVATOR. PRIME MINISTER KHIEM HAS ALREADY INITIATED ACTION ALONG THESE LINES.

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3. BILL RESTORING PROPERTY OF DIEM ADHERENTS UNLIKELY TO PASS SOME ANXIETY HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BUDDHIST CIRCULES ABOUT A BILL REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT WOULD RETURN PROPERTY CONFISCATED FROM ASSOCIATES OF THE NGO DINH DIEM FAMILY AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF DIEM IN 1963. CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN SOME BUDDHIST CIRCULES LEST THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BELITTLE THE 1963 BUDDHIST MOVEMENT THAT HELPED TOPPLE DIEM. HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS BY EMBASSY OFFICER WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONTACTS INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH SUCH A BILL HAD INDEED BEEN INTORDUCED, IT IS GETTING NO BACKING FROM THE PRO ADMINISTRATION LEGILATIVE LEADERSHIP AND ITS PASSAGE SEEMS UNLIKELY AT THIS STAGE. THE ADMINISTRATION APPEARS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS NOT AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO RAISE THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.

II. EXTERNAL

A. "PRG " BREAKS OFF PARIS TALKS

"PRG" ANNOUNCED IN PARIS MAY 13 THAT IT WAS SUSPENDING SINE DIE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE PARIS TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES UNTIL THE GVN CEASED ITS "SABOTAGE" OF THE TALKS AND AGREED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE "PRG" PROPOSAL OF MARCH 22 1974. "PRG" ALSO ANNOUNED THAT DELEGATION CHIEF NGUYEN VAN HIEU IS RETURNING HOME (BUT APPARENT

LY NO OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS). (GVN HAD ON APRIL 16 SUSPENDED ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS, SEE WEEKA FOR APRIL 11-17.) GVN FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 14 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ASSERTING THIS ACTION AND EARLIER COMMUNIST SUSPENSION OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION SHOWED CELARLY THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE WAS CARRYING OUT "A SYSTEMATIC AND PREMEDITATED PLAN TO SCRAP THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND TO RENEW THE WAR." COMMUNIQUE RECONFIRMED GVN INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT THE PROTOCOLS AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13 1973.

B. GVN THAILAND FISHERIES DISPUTE
GOT ANNOUNCED MAY 9 THAT THE NEWLY APPOINTED THAI AMBASSADOR TO THE RVN WOULD LEAVE FOR SAIGON THE SAME DAY TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE FISHERIES DISPUTE ARISING FROM GVN NAVY ACTIONS AGAINST THAI FISHING BOATS. PRELIMINARY MEETING BETWEEN MFA AND THAI CHARGE TOOK PLACE
MAY 13 AND GVN SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED SAME
DAY THAT DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS
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WERE BEING MADE AND THAT GVN DESIRED TO SETTLE

DISPUTE PEACEFULLY. AT THE SAME TIME BOTH COUNTRIES ARE AVOIDING ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DEPLOYMENT OF THEIR NAVAL FORCES.

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C. PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE TO VISIT RVN
OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS ANNOUNCED MAY 10 THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU
OF ZAIRE HAD OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE RVN
ON THE OCCASION OF AN AUDIENCE WHICH HE HAD GRANTED MAY 9 TO
SPECIAL GVN ENVOY SENATOR DAUG VAN SUNG. PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS
FURTHER QUOTED AS CONFIRMING THAT THE RVN WAS THE ONLY LEGAL
GOVERNMENT OF SVN AND AS STATING THAT HE HAD OPPOSED "PRG"
PARTICIPATION IN THE ALGIERS NON ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

D. GVN SPOKESMAN ASSERTS US-DRV MEETING WOULD BE USELESS RESPONDING TO PRESS SPECULATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO WOULD MEET NEXT MONTH IN PARIS GVN SPOKESMAN MAY 13 ASSERTED THAT ANY SUCH MEETING WOULD BE USELESS AS LONG AS THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUED TO CONSIDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT A WORTHLESS DOCUMENT. SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT A QUESTION NOW OF SEEKING A FURTHER AGREEMENT MORE FAVORABLE TO THE COMMUNISTS WHICH WAS WHAT THEY WOULD DESIRE BUT A QUESTION OF BRINGING THE COMMUNISTS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WHICH THEY HAD ALREADY SIGNED.

III. ECONOMIC

A. GVN RESERVES UP IN APRIL
DISPOSABLE FOREIGN EXCHANGE OF THE NATIONAL BANK (NBVN)
ROSE US\$9.3 MILLION
IN APRIL TO AN END MONTH LEVEL OF US\$94.6
MILLION. THE INCREASE WAS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO THE CONTINUED
STRONG PER-FORMANCE OF INVISIBLE RECEIPTS AS WELL AS \$11 MILLION
IN US PIASTER PURCHASES FROM THE NBVN. THROUGH APRIL INVISIBLE
RECEIPTS TOTALLED
US\$83 MILLION, SHARPLY HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED AT THE OUTSET OF 1974.
OF THAT FIGURE, \$32 MILLION CONSISTED OF FOREIGN CURRENCY
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NOTES PRESENTED AT NBVN OR COMMERCIAL BANK WINDOWS. THIS WINDFALL
THE SOURCE OF WHICH IS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD IS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE
LOCAL NATIONAL BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN COMPELLED BY TIGHT
MONETARY AND CREDIT CONDITIONS TO REPATRIATE FUNDS FROM ABROAD.
SINCE LAST FALL WHEN \$16 MILLION IN CURRENCY NOTES SHOWED UP THE
GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED PAYMENTS WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS. ANOTHER
CONTRIBUTING FACTOR HAS BEEN REPEATED OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE DE-
VALUATIONS WHICH TOGETHER WITH TIGHT CREDIT CONDITIONS HAVE PREVEN-
TED A BLACK MARKET PREMIUM FROM ARISING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. COUNT-
ING ALL CURRENCY NOTES RECEIVED INCLUDING THOSE THAT NBVN HAS NOT
YET TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTS ABROAD, OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE
RESERVES ON APRIL 30 INCREASED TO \$111 MILLION. THIS IS \$14
MILLION LESS THAN DECEMBER 1973 AND \$40 MILLION LESS THAN A YEAR
AGO.

GVN EXPORT EARNINGS WERE \$7.8 MILLION IN APRIL FOR A FOUR MONTH
TOTAL OF \$28.7 MILLION. THE APRIL FIGURE WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN
MARCH (\$7.2), BUT ACCORDING TO A GVN SOURCE DID NOT REFLECT THE
EXPECTED DOWNTURN IN EXPORT RECEIPTS AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY
POL PRICE INCREASES.

ON THE PAYMENTS SIDE RECENT CREDIT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY
NBVN HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CURBED IMPORT DEMAND. THE DECLINE HAS BEEN
MOST APPARENT SINCE LATE MARCH WHEN GVN LICENSING FELL FROM A
WEEKLY AVERAGE OF ALMOST \$5. MILLION TO A LATE APRIL RATE OF \$2
MILLION. (CIP LICENSING HAS PLUMMETTED EVEN MORE PRECIPITOUSLY

DURING THE SAME PERIOD FROM \$6 TO ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION.) INVISIBLE
PAYMENTS \$35 MILLION THROUGH APRIL ARE RUNNING AT THE EARLIER
PROJECTED RATE OF \$110 MILLION.
THUS THE GVN'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE OUTLOOK IS LESS BLEAK
THAN IT APPEARED AT YEAR'S OUTSET BUT PROSECTS REMAIN FOR A SUB-
STANTIAL DECLINE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES THIS YEAR.
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B. PRICES

FOOD PRICES REBOUNDED THIS WEEK AFTER DIPPING SLIGHTLY
OVER THE BUDDHA BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY LAST WEEK. USAID, S CONSUMER INDEX
CLIMBED 3.4 POINTS (1.1PER CENT) TO 303.8(JAN. 1971 EQUAL 100).
MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH PRICES RETURNED TO THE LEVELS OF TWO WEEKS
AGO, WHILE PRICES OF FRUITS SUCH AS BANANAS, WHICH WERE IN DEMAND
FOR RELIGIOUS OFFERINGS LAST WEEK SLIPPED BACK. THIS WEEK THE
GOVERNMENT ALSX RAISED THE OFFICIAL PRICE OF CONDENSED MILK BY 19
PERCENT THUS CAUSING MOST OF THE 1.6 PERCENTR RISE IN THE FOOD
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INDEX. IN THE NON-FOOD CATEGORY WOMEN'S SHOES AND TAILORING SERVI
CES INCREASED 9-10 PER CENT IN WHAT MARKET SOURCES ATTRIBUTED TO
THE IMMINENT RAINY SEASON.
TO DATE IN 1974 USAID'S OVERALL INDEX HAS RISEN 25.8 PERCENT BUT
ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THAT INCREASE (17 PERCENT) OCCURED BY FEB
18 AS A RESULT OF THE DRAMATIC POL PRICE INCREASES ANNOUNED BY THE
GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY. DURING THEPAST THEREE MONTHS THE OVERALL
PRICE INDEX ROSE A RELATIVELY MODEST 7.5 PERCENT.

G. BLACK MARKET CURRENCY AND GOLD PRICES

BLACK MARKET DOLLAR RATES WERE UNCHANGED THIS WEEK AND
GOLD PRICES IN SAIGON REGISTERED A SAMLLE DECLINE FROM US\$151.17/
TROY OUNCE TO \$149.16 ON MAY 13.
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